

MARCH 2012

INTERPRETIVE SCHEDULE



March 1 – 10, 2012

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Photo Contest Gallery Display

10 Days



Photo contest winners will be on display daily. Stop by the Borrego Art Institute (587 Palm Canyon Drive #105) in The Mall to see the winning entries and vote for your favorite to determine our "People's Choice Award". Call 760-767-4063 for more information.

Thursday, March 1, 2012

9:00 a.m. Hike – Ash Wash

4 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Paul Larson and Ted Caragozian for a moderately strenuous hike over uneven and rocky ground to a spectacular exposure of the 760,000 year-old Bishop Ash. Wear sturdy shoes; bring water and a light lunch. Meet at the end of the pavement north on DiGiorgio Road.

Friday, March 2, 2012

8:30 a.m. Hike – Mine Canyon

5 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalist Ann Keenan on a drive back into mine wash where we will continue on foot for a 5-mile round trip hike with ever-changing sights around each bend. We will need to climb a couple of 4-foot dry waterfalls on our way to a spectacular view of Shelter Valley. Be sure to bring the usual water, lunch, hat, and sturdy footwear. This hike is limited to 12; sign up in advance at the Visitor Center. Meet at Visitor Center to car pool.

7:00 p.m. Class - Advanced Desert Tracking

2 Days



This class will bring new life and excitement to your hikes and outdoor adventures! Imagine knowing where a cougar has crossed a trail, or discovering where a bighorn sheep was bedded down for the night. Learn to read the tracks and signs of desert wildlife in this hands-on class with Western Tracking Institute founder, Barry Martin. Call 760-767-4063 for details and registration. \$55/\$45 for ABF members

Saturday, March 3, 2012

7:30 a.m. Walk - Bird Walk

1.5 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalist Ann Keenan for a walk around the Visitor Center vicinity looking for the common birds of our desert. All birding levels welcome. Meet in the Visitor Center parking lot. Please bring binoculars. Rain cancels.

9:00 a.m. Hike - Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon

3 Hours

Volunteer Naturalist Bonnie Clapp will be roaming the Borrego Palm Canyon Trail searching for bighorn sheep and other interesting features along the trail. Look for her as you hike to the palm oasis. This is not a guided hike.

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Saturday, March 3, 2012 (continued)

10:00 a.m. Talk ♿ - What Cactus is That?

30 Minutes

Cactus and succulents have some amazing adaptations that help them survive in extremely hot and dry climates. This talk will reveal some little-known facts about how cacti work overtime to stay alive. Volunteer Naturalist Don Rideout will discuss the most common cactus species of Anza-Borrego as we stroll through the Visitor Center garden.

11:00 a.m. - ♿ - Junior Rangers

45 Minutes

Special program for children ages 7-12. Discover secrets of the desert environment. Sign up at the Visitor Center as space is limited.

1:00 p.m. Talk ♿ - "Song Dog" ... The Wiley Coyote

1 Hour

Have you heard them at night? Have you seen them...even during the day? Coyotes are increasing their range and increasing their numbers, and they're right here in Anza-Borrego and in town too. Join Volunteer Naturalist Thad McManus as we explore the myths and realities of our desert neighbor.

7:30 p.m. - Campfire Program - ♿ - Ranger Surprise

1 Hour

Join Ranger Don Strampfer at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center for an evening campfire.

Sunday, March 4, 2012

8:00 a.m. Class ♿ - Plant Communities

7 Hours



This course with Michael Wangler provides an overview of the major plant communities found in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. Study the many unique plant associations, discuss how climate, geology and topography have helped shape the diversity we see today, and learn about the necessary environmental conditions for a spectacular springtime bloom. Call 760-767-4063 for details. \$60/\$50 for ABF members.

9:00 a.m. Junior Rangers at Bow Willow Campground

1 Hour

Join Ranger D.L. Stephen at Bow Willow Campground to learn some of the special history of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park in this program geared for children ages 7-12.

10:00 a.m. Hike - Voices, Visions, and Views of Alcoholic Pass

3 Hours

Hike Alcoholic Pass! Join Volunteer Naturalists Ron & Peg Poitras to experience and discover the prehistory, history, and present-day journey of those who have used this trail for food, water, work, and fun. This is a 3-hour excursion into the pass. Meet at the north end of DiGiorgio Road. This is a strenuous but relatively short hike. Bring water, snacks and wear hiking boots.

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Sunday, March 4, 2012 (continued)

1:00 p.m. Talk - Ok, Now What Do We Do?

1 Hour

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Tuesday, March 6, 2012

3:30 p.m. Hike – Sunset/Moonlight Hike

5 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Ted Caragozian and Paul Larson for a desert hike to enjoy the sunset over the mountains and return under the nearly full moon to get a different perspective of the desert at a surprise location. Bring warm clothes and a flashlight (to be used only if necessary). Limited to 15 participants – please sign up at the Visitor Center and include your phone number to receive meeting details.

Wednesday, March 7, 2012

8:00 a.m. Hike – Calcite Canyon Spectacular

3.5 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalist Ted Caragozian and explore the sandstone canyon country around the Calcite Mine. You will follow the Middle Fork of Palm Wash up over some small dry falls to a slot canyon, check out the mine, and return by way of the road. Meet at the Calcite Mine Road, Mile Marker 38.1 east on Highway S-22. Extra parking is available at Mile Marker 38. Wear sturdy footwear, a hat, and carry water. This hike is rated strenuous.

2:30 p.m. Talk - A Cafeteria of Ant Biology

1 Hour

Join Dr. Walter R. Tschinkel, the Walter O. Lawton Distinguished Professor of Biological Science at Florida State University, in this fascinating look at ants. This lecture is sponsored by the ABDSP Naturalist Society and is open to the public.



3:00 p.m. Hike – Lute Fault

3.5 Hours

Earthquake geology, local history and desert plant life will be the focus of this hike. Meet Volunteer Naturalist Ted Caragozian at the call box across from Thimble Trail on S-22 at Mile Marker 31.9. Bring water and sturdy shoes for this 2-3 mile round trip hike on uneven ground.

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Thursday, March 8, 2012

9:00 a.m. Hike – Squeeze through the Slot

3 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Mary Ekelund and Paul Larson on a moderate 3-mile round trip hike through a winding slot canyon with rugged walls, overhanging rocks, and maybe even a couple wild flowers. You will have to negotiate some tight squeezes and a short climb up a very steep hill. Be sure to bring the usual water, hat, and sturdy footwear. Meet at Buttes Pass Road, 1.5 miles east of Borrego Springs Road on Highway 78.

Friday, March 9, 2012

9:00 a.m. Hike – Primrose Path

3 Hours

Discover the secret behind the South Palm Wash dry waterfall as we explore one of Borrego's seldom visited areas in the state park. This is a moderate 3-mile hike where we will see interesting rock formations and can usually spot the heart-leafed primrose plant. Have sturdy shoes and water. Meet Volunteer Naturalists Mike and Jan Bigelow at Mile 37.3 on S22, approximately 17.7 miles east of The Circle.

9:30 a.m. Paleontology Lecture

2.5 Hours

Dr. Lyndon Murray, District Paleontologist, will present this lecture that is part of the Volunteer Paleontology lecture series. Open to the public. Meet in the Discovery Lab at the Visitor Center.

3:00 p.m. Workshop – Anza-Borrego Institute of Photography

3 Days



This is a concentrated workshop taught by Ernie and Kati Cowan, designed to improve the skills of photographers who focus on the natural environment. Planned to take advantage of the desert in its spring glory, this workshop will take you beyond just "taking pictures" and introduce you to techniques that allow you to create photographic art. Call 760-767-4063 for details and registration. \$325/\$295 for ABF members.

Saturday, March 10, 2012

9:00 a.m. Hike - Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon

3 Hours

Volunteer Naturalist Bonnie Clapp will be roaming the Borrego Palm Canyon Trail searching for bighorn sheep and other interesting features along the trail. Look for her as you hike to the palm oasis. This is not a guided hike.

9:00 a.m. Hike – South Rockhouse Loop

6 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Ted Caragozian and Paul Larson for a hike to the other rockhouse in the southern part of the park. We could see some great flower displays along the way, plus the other Una Palma. Wear sturdy shoes; bring a snack and plenty of water as this is a fairly strenuous hike. Meet near Mile Marker 48 on Highway S-2.

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Saturday, March 10, 2012 (continued)

11:00 a.m. - ♿ - Junior Rangers

45 Minutes

Special program for children ages 7-12. Discover secrets of the desert environment. Sign up at the Visitor Center as space is limited.

1:00 p.m. Talk - ♿ - Borregos in Their Park

1 Hour

If you haven't had the opportunity to get up close and personal with the namesake of the Park, or even if you have seen the Desert Bighorns, you can learn what makes these animals the favorites of park visitors. Join Volunteer Naturalist Thad McManus as we explore the world of the Desert Bighorn.

3:30 p.m. Talk - The Borrego Hawk Watch Experience

1 Hour

Discover the hawk watch phenomenon with Volunteer Naturalist and hawk watcher Joe Hopkins. Meet at the Visitor Center flagpole to caravan out to the site, observe hawk watchers on duty and, we hope, see migrating raptors. Bring binoculars, water, snacks, and appropriate clothing.

5:00 p.m. - Photo Contest Award Ceremony and Reception

2 Hours



Photo contest judge Paul Johnson will present the winners of the 2012 Anza-Borrego Desert Photo Contest at Borrego Springs Performing Arts Center. With every award, Paul will explain what made each photo a winner. After the ceremony, join us for a reception and silent auction. Wine and appetizers will be available. The silent auction ends at 7:00 p.m.

7:30 p.m. Campfire - ♿ - Ranger Surprise

1 Hour

Join Ranger Steve Bier at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center for an evening campfire program.

Sunday, March 11, 2012

9:00 a.m. Junior Rangers at Bow Willow Campground

1 Hour

Join Ranger D.L. Stephen at Bow Willow Campground to learn some of the special history of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park in this program geared for children ages 7-12.



10:00 a.m. Hike - Hidden Vista

1 Hour

Hike about ½ mile to the Bill Kenyon Overlook from Yaqui Pass Camp. We will explore the rocky habit along the trail to reach the dramatic overlook. Take Yaqui Pass Road (S-3) and meet Ranger Jeri Zemon at the far end of Yaqui Pass Camp (mile marker #2) at 10:00 a.m.

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Sunday, March 11, 2012 (continued)

10:00 a.m. Talk ♿ - Behind that Pretty Face is a Stealthful Killer

1 Hour

The long-eared owl has several unique adaptations for survival. Join Volunteer Naturalist Beth Shugan and discover what makes this owl such a stealthy hunter.

11:30 a.m. Talk ♿ - In Search of the Elusive Elephant Tree

30 Minutes

The seldom seen, endangered elephant tree survives in only a few scattered and isolated spots in California. Join Volunteer Naturalist Karen Cormier at the Visitor Center to find out how to identify these distinctive trees, hear why Native Americans valued the trees, and discover where you can look for elephant tree herds "in the wild".

12:00 p.m. Talk ♿ - "Song Dog" ... The Wiley Coyote

45 Minutes

Have you heard them at night? Have you seen them...even during the day? Coyotes are increasing their range and increasing their numbers, and they're right here in Anza-Borrego and in town too. Join Volunteer Naturalist Thad McManus as we explore the myths and realities of our desert neighbor.

Monday, March 12, 2012

10:00 a.m. Lecture ♿ - Cahuilla Agave Harvesting Strategies

1 Hour

Archaeologist Daniel F. McCarthy will talk about the uses of agave and its value to Native Americans at the monthly meeting of the ABDSP Botany Society. This lecture is open to the public.

Tuesday, March 13, 2012

1:00 p.m. Walk ♿ - Desert Scents

1 Hour

Enjoy an easy stroll through the Visitor Center Garden with Volunteer Naturalist Ingrid Coffin. Use your senses on this plant exploration program that meets at the Visitor Center entrance.

Thursday, March 15, 2012

9:00 a.m. Hike - Earthquake Valley Panorama

3 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists, Paul Larson and Mary Ekelund, for a moderate 4-mile hike up Plum Canyon to an overlook high over Earthquake Valley. Discover some interesting plants and geological features along the way. Meet at the entrance to Plum Canyon off Highway 78.

1:00 p.m. Walk ♿ - Desert Scents

1 Hour

Enjoy an easy stroll through the Visitor Center Garden with Volunteer Naturalist Ingrid Coffin. Use your senses on this plant exploration program that meets at the Visitor Center entrance.

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Saturday, March 17, 2012

8:00 a.m. Talk - The Borrego Hawk Watch Experience

1.5 Hour

Discover the hawk watch phenomenon with Volunteer Naturalist and hawk watcher Ann Keenan. Meet at the Visitor Center flagpole to caravan out to the site, observe hawk watchers on duty, and, we hope, see migrating raptors. Bring binoculars, water, snacks, and appropriate clothing.

8:00 a.m. Class – Macro Photography

9 Hours



In this class with photographer Paul Johnson, you will learn what kind of equipment is necessary to produce macro photographs, and how to use that equipment to produce dramatic and satisfying images. Call 760-767-4063 for details and registration. \$85/\$75 for ABF members

9:00 a.m. Hike – Cactus Loop

1.5 Hours

Walk this popular loop trail with Volunteer Naturalist Jan Bigelow. We will learn secrets and strategies of desert plant survival in a harsh climate with little rain. Expect great views on this moderately strenuous 1-mile walk. Good shoes are a must as we will be walking a steep, rocky trail. Meet at Tamarisk Grove Campground.

9:00 a.m. Hike - Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon

3 Hours

Volunteer Naturalist Toni Alexander will be roaming the Borrego Palm Canyon Trail searching for bighorn sheep and other interesting features along the trail. Look for her in her volunteer vest as you hike to the palm oasis. This is not a guided hike.

11:00 a.m. - ♿ - Junior Rangers

45 Minutes

Special program for children ages 7-12. Discover secrets of the desert environment. Sign up at the Visitor Center as space is limited.

12:00 p.m. Talk – ♿ – Tailgate Tour

1 Hour

Join the only California State Park pilot, Ranger Kelly McCague, for a special presentation about her responsibilities and see the plane up close. Program will be conducted at the Borrego Springs Airport. Meet her at the airport office and she will take you to the plane.

4:00 p.m. Talk - The Borrego Hawk Watch Experience

1 Hour

Discover the hawk watch phenomenon with Volunteer Naturalist and hawk watcher Joe Hopkins. Meet at the Visitor Center flagpole to caravan out to the site, observe hawk watchers on duty, and we hope, see migrating raptors. Bring binoculars, water, snacks, and appropriate clothing.

7:30 p.m. – Campfire - ♿ - Bats of Borrego and Beyond

1 Hour

Bats are in the air, everywhere! Find out why these mysterious night flyers are disappearing and how you can help protect them. Meet Ranger Jeri Zemon at the Borrego Palm Canyon campfire center.

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Sunday, March 18, 2012

7:30 a.m. Walk - Bird Walk at the Visitor Center

1.5 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalist Ann Keenan for a walk around the Visitor Center vicinity looking for the common birds of our desert. All birding levels welcome. Meet in the Visitor Center parking lot. Please bring binoculars. Rain cancels.

9:00 a.m. Junior Rangers at Bow Willow Campground

1 Hour

Join Ranger D.L. Stephen at Bow Willow Campground to learn some of the special history of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park in this program geared for children ages 7-12.

9:00 a.m. Hike - Roving Naturalist in Borrego Palm Canyon

3 Hours

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10:00 a.m. Hike - Milling Around Mine Wash

4 Hours

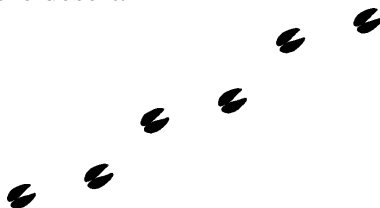


Join Volunteer Naturalist Hank Barber for this fascinating 2-mile hike around an ancient Kumeyaay village site to see hundreds of bedrock mortars, slicks, basins and rubs. The adventure will include stops for wildflower identification and discussions of desert Indians' use of plants for food, clothing, shelter and medicine. Call 760-767-4063 for details and registration. \$35/\$25 for ABF members

11:00 a.m. Talk - Tracks Tell Tales

1 Hour

Tracks tell the fascinating stories of the lives of our animal neighbors in the Anza Borrego Desert. Meet our Volunteer Naturalist-Tracker Beth Shugan in the Discovery Lab, and start to learn to read these tales of life -- and death -- in the desert.



1:00 p.m. Talk ♿ - Ok, Now What Do We Do?

1 Hour

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Tuesday, March 20, 2012

9:00 a.m. Hike – Culp Valley Walkabout

2.5 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalist Ted Caragozian for a walkabout in Culp Valley and experience Pena Spring and the habitat it creates. Then follow a section of the Riding and Hiking Trail to an outstanding overlook before looping back to the start. Meet at the entrance to Culp Valley Campground between Mile Markers 9 and 9.5 on highway S-22. This hike is rated moderate.

Wednesday, March 21, 2012

9:00 a.m. Hike – Lower Willows

4 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Ted Caragozian and Paul Larson for a moderately strenuous hike in lower Coyote Canyon, including Coyote Creek, the rocky Bypass Road, and hopefully a variety of birds. Meet at the end of the pavement at the north end of DiGiorgio Road.

Thursday, March 22, 2012

9:00 a.m. Hike – Mine Wash Vista

4 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalists Mary Ekelund and Paul Larson on a drive back into mine wash where we will continue on foot for a 4-mile round trip hike with ever-changing sights around each bend. We will need to climb a couple of 4-foot dry waterfalls on our way to a spectacular view of Shelter Valley. Be sure to bring the usual water, hat, and sturdy footwear. Meet at the beginning of Mine Wash Road, 2.7 miles east of the Tamarisk Grove intersection on Highway 78.

Saturday, March 24, 2012

9:00 a.m. Hike – High Points of Anza-Borrego – Goat Canyon Trestle

8 Hours



This 6-mile strenuous hike with Annie Hoppe and Germar Bernhard will take you to a breathtaking viewpoint of Goat Canyon trestle – the longest, tallest curved wooden trestle ever built in the United States. Along the way, pass through one of the densest palm groves in the park and into Goat Canyon where cholla, agave and ocotillo cover the desert floor. Call 760-767-4063 for details and registration. \$45/\$35 for ABF members

10:00 a.m. Talk -♿- What Cactus is That?

30 Minutes

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11:00 a.m. -♿- Junior Rangers

45 Minutes

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Saturday, March 24, 2012 (continued)

11:00 a.m. Walk – ♿ – “Little Torch”

45 Minutes

Join Volunteer Naturalists Ron and Peg Poitras for a casual stroll around the Visitor Center to enjoy, examine, embrace and explore the majestic Ocotillo plant. This short tour examines the plant's history, growth, needs and uses.



12:00 p.m. Hike – Discovering the Archaeological History of the Morteros

2 Hours

Discover the hidden secrets of an ancient Native American village site. Join Volunteer Archaeologist and Naturalist Sam Webb to explore both rock art and historic milling features. This 1.5 mile hike is over uneven terrain. Be sure to bring the usual water, hat, and sturdy footwear. Meet at the Morteros trailhead in Blair Valley, 3 miles off Highway S-2.

3:00 p.m. Hawkwatch Lecture and Field Experience

4 Hours



Come to Anza-Borrego Desert State Park Visitor Center to find out why the Borrego Valley is unique among Hawkwatch sites. Hawkwatch organizer Hal Cohen will present a slide program summing up the season to date as well as a look at all species of hawks that are found in the valley. Then head out to the evening site to observe the hawks as they arrive in Borrego to roost for the night. Many of them come from thousands of miles away! No charge, but space is limited, and seats are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Bring binoculars, water, snacks, and appropriate clothing.

7:30 p.m. Campfire– ♿ – Wildflowers of Anza-Borrego

Explore the beauty of the desert in bloom! From fields of annuals to colorful washes to brilliant cacti, flowers abound as the desert comes alive in the spring! Join Ranger Nicole at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center.

Sunday, March 25, 2012

9:00 a.m. Junior Rangers at Bow Willow Campground

1 Hour

Join Ranger D.L. Stephen at Bow Willow Campground to learn some of the special history of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park in this program geared for children ages 7-12.

Tuesday, March 27, 2012

9:00 a.m. Hike – Big Spring Ramble

2.5 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalist Ted Caragozian to discover an oasis in the transition zone and see what's blooming. Meet at the pullout at mile 11.2 on highway S-22 for an easy-paced walk to Big Spring in Tubb Canyon. Wear sturdy footwear, a hat, and carry water. This hike is rated moderate.

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Wednesday, March 28, 2012

8:00 a.m. Talk - The Borrego Hawk Watch Experience

1.5 Hour

Discover the hawk watch phenomenon with Volunteer Naturalist and hawk watcher Ann Keenan. Meet at the Visitor Center flagpole to caravan out to the site, observe hawk watchers on duty, and we hope, see migrating raptors. Bring binoculars, water, snacks, and appropriate clothing.

3:00 p.m. Walk - ♿-Culp Valley ADA Trail

2.5 Hours

Did you know that Anza-Borrego Desert State Park has a new wheelchair accessible trail? Join Volunteer Naturalist Ted Caragozian and check it out. It climbs moderately through transition habitat for half a mile to an overlook. Let's find out what's blooming. Meet at the entrance to Culp Valley Primitive Camp at Mile 9.2 on Highway S-22. Wear sturdy footwear, a hat, and carry water. This walk is rated moderate.

Thursday, March 29, 2012

9:00 a.m. Walk - Bill Kenyon Trail

2 Hours

Join Volunteer Naturalist Mary Ekelund and Paul Larson for a 1.5 mile walk on uneven ground to a beautiful desert overlook. Meet at Yaqui Pass Campground, on Highway S-3, 1 mile north of Tamarisk Grove Campground. Please wear sturdy shoes and bring water.

Saturday, March 31, 2012

9:00 a.m. Tour - Hawi-Vallecito Bike Tour

6 Hours



Join Frank Colver and Sue Wade for an 8-mile bicycle tour in Hawi-Vallecito, the newest addition to Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. Enjoy breathtaking views of the Laguna Mountains to the south as you learn about Vallecito's unique cultural history. Call 760-767-4063 for details and registration. \$45/\$35 for ABF members

10:00 a.m. Talk ♿ - In Search of the Elusive Elephant Tree

30 Minutes

The seldom seen, endangered elephant tree survives in only a few scattered and isolated spots in California. Join Volunteer Naturalist Karen Cormier at the Visitor Center to find out how to identify these distinctive trees, hear why Native Americans valued the trees, and discover where you can look for elephant tree herds "in the wild".

11:00 a.m. - ♿ - Junior Rangers

45 Minutes

Special program for children ages 7-12. Discover secrets of the desert environment. Sign up at the Visitor Center as space is limited.

7:30 p.m. Campfire - ♿-Mysteries of Anza-Borrego

1 Hour

Take a deeper look into the past. Join Ranger Josh for a trip into the earlier times of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. Meet at the Borrego Palm Canyon Campfire Center.

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INTERPRETIVE SCHEDULE



DESERT SAFETY

✓ **Carry water AND drink it**

Saving your water for the hike back has led to death in Anza-Borrego. Drink plenty of water before you leave home, while you hike, and on the return route. If you feel thirsty, it is already too late. Drink lots of water and drink often.

✓ **Make sure your vehicle is desert-ready.**

Equip your vehicle for the desert. You should always carry extra water, a shade tarp, a shovel, a tire pump, and extra food.

✓ **Prepare yourself.**

In addition to carrying water, you should have protective clothing, sunscreen, a hat, a good map, food and a first aid kit which includes a comb and tweezers.

✓ **Have a plan.**

Leave all your trip information with a friend. Tell him/her your destination, the route you intend to follow, your expected return time, a description of your vehicle with license plate number, and the time by which he/she should notify park authorities in case you do not return.

✓ **Do not split up the group**

Stay together. Never leave anyone behind to rest.

✓ **Leave snakes alone.**

Many venomous snakes live in the desert. If you threaten them, they may strike. It is illegal to harass, catch, or kill any snake within Anza-Borrego. If bitten, remain calm and seek immediate medical attention.

✓ **When emergencies happen ...**

Stop. Stay calm. Seek shelter. If you are with your vehicle, remain there; do not leave it. Signal with mirrors, white cloth, whistle (three short blasts on a whistle, pause, then three more, repeat frequently), and put your hood up. It is much easier to find a vehicle in the desert than a person!!!

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